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Title : Method and Device For Imaging
Liquid-Filled Container
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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

Column 9, Line 27, Claim 9, "The apparatus" should read -- The method --
(See Amendment dated April 1, 2005, page 5, Claim 33, Line 1, Claim 33 issued as Claim 9.)

Column 10, Line 5, Claim 15, "according to any one of claim 13" should read
-- according to claim 13 --
(See Amendment dated April 1, 2005, page 4, Claim 29, Line 1, Claim 29 issued as Claim 15.)

Column 10, Line 46, Claim 24, "according to claim 16" should read
-- according to claim 19 --
(See Amendment dated April 1, 2005, page 6, Claim 40, Line 1, Claim 40 issued as Claim 24.)

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 9, Line 27, Claim 9, "The apparatus" should read -- The method --

Column 10, Line 5, Claim 15, "according to any one of claim 13" should read
-- according to claim 13 --

Column 10, Line 46, Claim 24, "according to claim 16" should read
-- according to claim 19 --

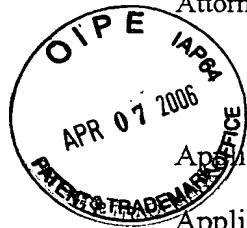
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

A two-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 1, 2005.

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wherein said light emitting unit emits and irradiates a near infrared light with a wavelength of 700 to 900 nm as said light for imaging inside of the container, and the container is one of a colored container and a container with a frost surface.

¹⁴ ~~26.~~ ¹³ (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ~~25~~, wherein said light emitting unit comprises a light emitter and a cut filter for filtering light from the light emitter so as to transmit only near infrared component of the light or a greater amount of near infrared light component of the light than visible light component thereof.

¹⁹ ~~27.~~ ¹³ (Currently Amended) An apparatus for imaging a liquid-filling container, comprising:

a light emitting unit for emitting and irradiating light onto the container, and
a light receiving unit for receiving the light transmitted through the container,
wherein said light receiving unit receives a near infrared light with a wavelength of 700 to 900 nm as said light for imaging inside of the container, and the container is one of a colored container and a container with a frost surface.

²⁰ ~~28.~~ ¹⁹ (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ~~27~~, wherein said light receiving unit comprises a cut filter for filtering the light transmitted through the container so as to transmit only near infrared component of the light or a greater amount of near infrared light component than visible light component of the light and a light receiver for receiving the light transmitted through the cut filter.

¹⁵ ~~29.~~ ¹³ (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ~~25~~, wherein said light emitting unit and said light receiving unit are disposed so as to enable imaging of said container which is conveyed one after another along a conveying line.

¹⁶ ~~30.~~ ¹³ (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ~~25~~, wherein an amount of liquid filled in the container is detected.

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17 31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein any foreign substance present in the liquid filled in the container is detected. 13

18 32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein any foreign substance present in the container or in a material forming the container is detected. 13

9 33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein said light emitting unit and said light receiving unit are disposed so as to enable imaging of a container which are conveyed one after another along a conveying line. 7

10 34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, further including the step of detecting an amount of liquid filled in the container. 7

11 35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, further including the step of detecting any foreign substance present in the liquid filled in the container. 7

12 36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, further including the step of detecting any foreign substance present in the container or in a material forming the container. 7

13 37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said light emitting unit and said light receiving unit are disposed so as to enable imaging of said container which is conveyed one after another along a conveying line. 19

14 38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein an amount of liquid filled in the container is detected. 19

15 39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein any foreign substance present in the liquid filled in the container is detected. 19

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24 40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein
any foreign substance present in the container or in a material forming the container is
detected. 19